

**Explanation of Major Changes from FY 2008 to FY 2009  
Office of Air & Radiation**

Change from FY 2008 Guidance Document		Reason for Change	Effected Pages and Sections
<b>Priorities</b>	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub>.</b> Once final designations are made for the 2006 PM <sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, Regional work transitions from assisting with the designations to working with states on their SIPs.	Change due to statutory process. SIPs are due 3 years from effective date of designation. Designations are due to be promulgated by 12/18/2008.	Clean Air Allowance Trading Programs, pages 10-12.
	<b>CAIR NO<sub>x</sub> Control Program.</b> In FY 2009, states and sources in the NO <sub>x</sub> Budget Program (NBP) will complete their transition into the CAIR seasonal NO <sub>x</sub> control program. By FY 2009, states should finalize all CAIR-related rulemakings and ensure that regulated sources are monitoring their emissions.	Change due to regulatory requirement. EPA will discontinue operation of the NBP allowance trading program when it is absorbed into the larger CAIR seasonal NO <sub>x</sub> trading program. The first compliance year for the annual CAIR NO <sub>x</sub> control program operations begins on January 1, 2009 and the first season for the seasonal NO <sub>x</sub> control program begins on May 1, 2009.	Federal Support for Air Quality Management, pages 16-19.  State and Local Air Quality Management, pages 30-36.  Appendix A, page A-15.
<b>Funding</b>	<b>Great Lakes Air Toxics Program.</b> EPA proposes that STAG funds no longer be targeted to this program.	Funding discontinued because relevant air toxics analysis has been completed.	Appendix A, page A-3.
	<b>US-Mexico Border.</b> EPA proposes that STAG funds be reduced.	Funding reduced because a portion of the cross-border monitoring network has been transferred to Mexico.	Appendix A, page A-12.
	<b>Regional Planning Organizations.</b> No funding identified.	Funding eliminated because initial regional haze plans were due from states in December 2007. EPA believes that the continued role of the RPOs should be a matter of state discretion rather than an EPA determination.	Appendix A, page A-13.
	<b>Ambient Monitoring.</b> Continuing restructuring in technical areas and funding. See Appendix A.	Changes due to factors such as revised air monitoring regulations, revised NAAQS for PM, and changes in how monitoring is funded.	Appendix A, page A-18.
<b>Strategies</b>	None	None	None
<b>Annual Commitment Measures</b>	Commitments are largely the same but have been revised from yes/no commitments to quantitative measures. The language has also been tightened up for clarity.	Overall performance measure improvement.	Appendix B.
<b>Tracking Process</b>	None	None	None
<b>Contacts</b>	Jeff Whitlow, new contact for Criteria Pollutants, Air Toxics, and Regional Haze	Personnel re-assignment.	Executive Summary, page 5.